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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Nobuo Kimizuka *et al.*

Application No.: 10/524,079

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Art Unit: 1796

For: MOLECULAR-ORIENTED POLYMER GEL
AND CAST FILM WITH SELF-
ORGANIZABLE AMPHIPHILIC COMPOUND
AS TEMPLATE, AND THEIR PRODUCTION
METHODS

Examiner: Rachel Kahn

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 14, 2009 (Paper No. 20090408).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I: claims 1-7 and 9, drawn to a polymer gel;

Group II: claims 10-17, drawn to a polymer cast film;

Group III: claims 18-19, drawn to a method of making a polymer gel; and

Group IV: claims 20-22 drawn to a method of making a polymer cast film.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7 and 9 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully assert that a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for all aspects of the invention. Specifically, the various Groups appear to be so interrelated that a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant urges the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

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Respectfully submitted,

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